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Methuen police First black gets rough welcome

By JACK WARK

METHUEN — Before he was appointed Greater Lawrence's first black police officer, Kevin Waithe charged that two white officers of this town subjected him to racial slurs.

Town Administrator Dana Miller told the Journal this week that approximately a month ago he instructed Police Chief Francis Morse to investigate the charges which had been made by Waithe, a 22-year-old black Methuen resident who was appointed to the town force Nov. 5.

"I told Frannie that I wouldn't tolerate harassment or bias and, as far as I know, things have been resolved," said Miller, the town's appointing authority. "I think Kevin will make a damn good police officer."

Waithe, who is due to assume his police duties early next month, has refused to discuss the situation.

Chief Morse, like Miller, said the situation has been "resolved."

"I got together with Waithe and the two officers and told them this baloney was going to stop," said Morse. "I felt they (Waithe and the two officers) were all wrong, that they were antagonizing each other."

"Then," said Morse, "I told the entire force, shift by shift, that this is a changing world and that you've got to accept the changes."

Miller said he became aware of Waithe's charges shortly before Waithe was named to the force. The administrator said Waithe came to Morse's home, where Miller happened to be a guest, and complained that he was being harassed by two Methuen officers.

Miller said Waithe claimed he had just had a run-in

with the two officers, who according to Waithe, had made racial slurs and indicated that they didn't want any blacks on the Methuen force.

"There was no proof of harassment but I don't doubt that there was some and that there are some people on the force who are prejudiced," said Miller.

Morse said he sympathizes with Waithe's position.

"It's not going to be easy for him, him being the first black on the force," said the chief. "There are going to be a lot of people who won't accept him as a police officer. What I've tried to impress on Kevin is that he's going to need the support of the department, that, in the end, police are going to be his best friends."

No other Greater Lawrence municipality has a black policeman. Waithe's appointment was finalized by the town council at its meeting this week.

Looking around

Vascetomies

A North Andover woman says that business is booming for vascetomies in the Greater Lawrence area.

She says that she accompanied her husband to the doctor's office for such an operation and learned that the doctor was so busy he was doing four at a time, like a dentist who moves from one chair to another.

John McGrath

Supporters of Gov. Francis Sargent are irritated with John McGrath, the Lawrence District Court clerk of courts.

They point out that not only has McGrath, who got his clerk's appointment from Sargent, balked at participating in any political functions for the Republican governor, but he recently handed out assistant clerk jobs to a pair of men who have shown no inclination to do anything to help Sargent.

Getting those \$14,900-a-year assistant clerk jobs were James Hajjar and Robert Campbell. Hajjar, a Lawrence lawyer, has displayed some preference for an unannounced Democratic gubernatorial candidate.

Campbell, a former Raytheon employee who comes from Dracut, is a Democrat.

It's possible

Thomas Kiley, whose father, Daniel Kiley, was Lawrence mayor from 1965 through 1971, may have his eye on political office.

"It's not beyond the realm of possibility that I'll run for an elective office at some point," says the 26-year-old Kiley. "I'm concerned about politics and I'm certain that I'll be involved in the political situation. Whether my involvement will be as a candidate, I don't know. It's certainly possible."

Kiley, who is due to receive a law degree from Suffolk University Law School in June, represents indigent defendants at Essex County courts and works at the Attorney General's Consumer Protection office in Lawrence.

Good shows

Owners of local entertainment spots—night clubs, movie theaters and the like—might be wise to seek an injunction against the madcap action which marks meetings of the Lawrence Housing Authority.

Surely, those LHA sessions are among the best shows in town, and they don't cost viewers a dime.

The last one, for example, included two members of the audience threatening each other with physical violence; several shouting matches between spectators and LHA member Donald Kiley; and Kiley angrily stomping out of the meeting only to return in time to apologize to David DiFilippo, a housing project manager with whom Kiley had clashed early in the meeting.

A disciplinarian

David Isadore, 26, shouts when he talks.

That's because he usually has music (big brass sounds mostly) in his ears, and he has to holler to be heard.

He is Methuen's director of Tenney High School's 87-member marching band that is rated one of the finest in the state. He's emotional, hard-driving, loud, and top-notch in what he does, and members of the band think he's great, even when he hollers at them.

But Isadore never bawls a student out for something he can't do—only when the student is goofing off, not doing his best. And in that sense Isadore is a disciplinarian—the best kind.

What he's doing must be right because the Tenney High band has marched off with a number of big prizes, and got invitations to perform in communities in Rhode Island and Maine. Members of the South Lawrence Associates say their annual Santa parade wouldn't be the same without the Tenney band.

Marked ballots

Former State Rep. Anthony DiFruscia is expected to have legislation filed which would prohibit anyone, including newspapers, from publishing marked election ballots.

Sources close to the Lawrence lawyer say his action will be in response to the Lawrence Eagle-Tribune's recent use of a specimen ballot to endorse candidates in the Nov. 8 city elections.

DiFruscia, it is said, will request a Worcester area state rep to file the legislation for him.

Manager's job

Joseph ("Boxie") Habib, an assistant tax collector in Lawrence, has his eye on the downtown parking garage manager's job.

Sources at City Hall say that Habib this week told Mayor John Buckley that he was interested in the job and that Habib was told he would be considered.

The job, which became vacant because of the recent death of James O'Neill, is filled by the municipal parking commission with which Mayor Buckley has immense influence.

Prejudices

To many outsiders Lawrence's Spanish-speaking are all "Puerto Ricans."

They are not, of course. The Spanish community is made up of people from many different countries, and is rife with the same sorts of prejudices that outsiders feel towards the Spanish community as a whole.

One of the main splits within the community is between Puerto Ricans and people from other Central and South American countries.

To the latter, the Puerto Ricans seem to speak a language full of "barbarisms," phrases borrowed from English, according to one member of the Spanish community.

No restrooms

A topic that came up for much discussion last week on WCCM's Hotline program was the fact that downtown Lawrence has no public restrooms.

A number of callers made the point that shoppers with children particularly find the lack of toilet facilities a problem.

The Chamber of Commerce reportedly is going to work on the problem.

Edward Grew

Edward Grew, son of Dr. and Mrs. James Grew, Johnson St., North Andover, is doing geological research in the Antarctic with a group of about 40 Russian scientists. Grew speaks Russian, which is a good thing since apparently only one Russian there knows much English.

Grew's letters home—they come at intervals of months—portray a lonely, monotonous life in which his research must be one of the main satisfactions.

Daylight lasts three hours, winds of 80 miles an hour sometimes blow around the compound, the food is dull.

Grew's letters are full of dry observations on his Russian colleagues. For example, on their drinking habits:

"I can see why the distribution of liquor (in camp) is so controlled—the Russians only seem to stop drinking when the source dries up."

Arab culture

Members of the local Arabic community are forming an organization whose aim will be to further the social and charitable endeavors of their ethnic group.

Ernest Abisalih, a local businessman and one of the architects of the proposed organization, has urged persons who embrace the Arabic culture to attend an organizational meeting at the Plains Community Center Nov. 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Miller's mileage

Methuen Town Administrator Dana Miller has denied that he collected monthly stipends from the town to cover the cost of using his private car for municipal business when, at the same time, he was using a town car.

"That's the allegation which has been made but it's untrue," Miller told the Journal this week. "I wasn't using a town car in the time that I was collecting travel reimbursements."

Miller said he collected \$50 a month for car expenses from January to July but that he didn't use a municipal car on a regular basis during that time period.

"Occasionally I would use one (a municipal car) for out of-town trips but when I did, I wouldn't get reimbursed for mileage," he said.



Dana Miller, Paul Hessler, and Alex Hasbany (TOM MEADE PHOTO)

Methuen council meeting Some say they're like South American juntas

By JACK WARK

There are those who claim that nothing in all of North America is as reminiscent of a South American junta as the Methuen Town Council.

Council meetings, like junta sessions, spin on confusion, cabals, disputes, points of order, and talk—especially talk, endless talk.

And then there is the physical setting of council meetings.

You have three men, Council President Alex Hasbany, Vice President Paul Hessler and Town Administrator Dana Miller, seated in an elevated area, looking for all the world like embattled junta leaders.

Surrounding that trio, but at a lower level, are 19 councilors, who, if you put your mind to it, could pass for an array of admirals and generals, waiting for the chance to oust the leaders.

The threat of an uprising hangs in the air, especially in the air around councilors like Raffi Takesian, Michael Sabbagh, Anthony Qualters and John Cronin, each of whom, it is often said, would like nothing better than to oust Town Administrator Miller.

But Miller isn't without his allies, staunch allies like Councilors Leonard Brown, John

Albis and Peter Sotera, each of whom persistently comes to Miller's defense.

This week's council meeting was typical of council meetings—late in starting, late in ending and incredibly slow-moving.

The tone of the event was set at the outset. It was 7:45 p.m. before the 21 councilors found their seats and launched the meeting, which was due to start at 7:30.

For the next 35 minutes or so the councilors devoted themselves to adding two items to the agenda, one of which was tabled when, near the meeting's end, it was time for it to be discussed.

The agenda fiasco began with Councilor Qualters, while firmly planted in his chair, saying: "I rise to make a motion . . ." The motion, which urged that a discussion of various Department of Public Works affairs be placed on the agenda, ignited an uproar among other council members.

Just about everybody had something to say, some making sense, some not

Councilor James Graham, who has a reputation for playing it straight down the middle, objected to Qualters' motion,

contending that council rules prohibit such last minute additions to the agenda.

Qualters got intelligible support from his chum, Sabbagh, and also Councilor George Winn.

Said Sabbagh: "From now on we're going to adhere to the rules? We didn't in the past. Suddenly tonight we're going to adhere to the rules. I don't understand this."

President Hasbany resisted: "We'll have to adhere to the rules."

Said Councilor Winn: "We talk about everything from motherhood to the American flag. I don't see why we can't discuss this."

Hasbany, without explanation, switched horses: "I'm going to allow it (Qualters' motion)."

"Point of order," somebody shouted.

"Point of order," somebody else shouted.

There was general tumult.

"Hold the conversation down," said Hasbany, who, according to people who make a habit of attending council meetings, is always urging council members to "hold the conversation down."

Some people don't mind the wild and woolly aspect of council meetings, the confusion, the endless talk, the way the meetings almost invariably run for four or five hours.

Said Mrs. Terri Pattavina, Methuen League of Women Voters president: "I'd rather sit here and listen to them for four hours than have them rehearse it in private and come out here with everything cut and dried."

Said President Hasbany: "Things will get better. We're working with a new form of government, which takes getting used to. We've got 21 men on the council and they all want to give their opinions, which is good. The fact that we talk so much gives people a better opportunity to know what their government is doing."

Others disagree.

Said Garrett Engles, an unsuccessful school committee candidate in the last town election: "The trouble is the council is simply too large. It's ridiculous, unworkable because of its size."

Said Councilor Takesian: "You take 21 people and put them in political office and they're going to talk. Everybody on the council wants to talk about everything that comes up and that slows us up. The council ought to be cut to 11 members, so we could get something done instead of just talking."



RAFFI TAKESIAN . . . Too many voices at once. (TOM MEADE PHOTO)



Lee Brown of Andover is doing her part these days to beat back the energy crisis with the help of the Browns' 8-month-old golden retriever-husky. His name is Walter Hickel, and Mrs. Brown says that he takes right to his job, whether it's pulling wood or groceries or whatever. She plans to introduce him to a sled when the snow flies. Meanwhile Walter is gaining new fans every time he visits the grocery store, she says. (DON SNYDER PHOTO)

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Cable TV

Methuen won't be rushed by anyone

METHUEN — Town Administrator Dana Miller predicted this week that it will be "a long time" before the town licenses a new cable television franchise.

He said two factors would inhibit the rapid licensing of a new franchise. One, he said, is that the licensing authority hasn't been determined and that it may take months before that determination is made.

The second, according to Miller, is that the licensing authority—once that authority is determined—can be expected to perform a detailed study of all franchise applications to make sure that the town gets the best possible cable set-up.

Miller's comments come in the wake of the town's revocation of a cable license which had been issued in 1969 to Stan-Fran, Inc. of Methuen and after disclosure by Greater Lawrence Community Antenna, Inc. of Lawrence that it would seek the Methuen license.

Miller said state law indicates that the licensing authority is either a mayor or board of selectmen (depending on which a municipality happens to have) and that since Methuen has neither, the town's licensing authority is, at this point, unknown. He said it may take a court decision to designate the licensing authority in Methuen.

Town Council President Alex Hasbany, meanwhile, disputed speculation, which he said might be widespread, that Greater Lawrence Community Antenna has a lock on the Methuen license.

"I don't think that's accurate," he said. "It's my assumption that anyone who wants to apply should and that anyone who does apply will be treated fairly and impartially. No matter who the licensing authority turns out to be, I think it will make an impartial decision."

Greater Lawrence Community Antenna, which holds the cable franchise for Lawrence, is

owned, in part, by Irving Rogers, publisher of the Lawrence Eagle-Tribune, and Curt Gowdy, who runs Lawrence Radio Station WCCM.

Some Methuen residents have expressed the view that Rogers, an Andover resident, and Gowdy, who lives in Wellesley, could use their virtual control of the local media to push Methuen's licensing authority into granting Greater Lawrence Community Antenna the town's cable franchise.

"I don't think that will happen," said Hasbany.

Dr. Francis Bonasia, a Haverhill dentist who heads Stan-Fran, said his firm wouldn't appeal the revocation of its license. "An appeal would just cost more money and I've already spent too much on this," he said.

Stan-Fran's license, which was granted before Methuen adopted a town council form of government and when a board of selectmen was in existence, was revoked earlier this year. The town, in revoking the license, charged that Stan-Fran failed to implement its cable proposal on schedule.

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District court

Dealing with faces cold as fish

By ANDREW COBURN

The judge seemed to be grappling with frustration.

It was Monday morning of this week, with Special Justice Paul Perocchi on the bench and Lawrence District Court filled with faces.

Perocchi had already heard a number of marijuana cases, mostly high school boys, some of them dropouts, with cold-fish faces that were sulky and silent, hands stuffed in their pockets or glued to their hips, amateur actors pretending to be sour and cynical and wise to the world, cow boots on their feet to make sounds when they walked, like desperados.

He had heard the case of a Vietnam vet who had hooked DeMoulas with a bum check for \$92, and he had listened to a couple of neglect-of-family cases, including that of a Lawrence man in his 50s and wearing a baseball warmup jacket, as if he were still a kid.

He had heard the case of a 19-year-old Lawrence High graduate who with a friend, had stolen a gumball machine from the Holiday Inn, the proceeds from which benefit the blind.

During another case, Perocchi had glanced at the rows of spectators and seen a frightened father whose son was a defendant, the father with square teeth like those of cattle, a small man in a nondescript suit trying to keep his eyes everywhere at once, on the movements of the court officers who wore short-sleeved white shirts with flashing badges, the foot-shuffling of Greater Lawrence police officers who sat in a line on a bench, some of the officers in partial uniforms (policemen from the waist up; their pants were plaid or maroon double knit).

And Perocchi had probably caught the stare of another father whose head was blunt, brutal and commanding, like a verb that needed neither subject nor object. This father was staring at the bench, as if the court and not his son were on trial.

And among the spectators, Perocchi had seen some 20 teenagers, males and females, the look of Lawrence High about them, and he spoke aloud to no one in particular, asking what those kids were doing there and why they weren't in school — and they didn't answer, since they weren't obliged to. But Perocchi knew why they were there. They were the silent cheering section of friends on trial or of witnesses testifying.

They were there for the case Perocchi was about to hear, except there was confusion. Lawrence Police Capt. James Glynn expected two witness and instead found a crowd of them, a bit of an administrative mix up, and besides that, he didn't have the officers in court who were to testify. He asked Perocchi to delay the trial.

"Why?" said Perocchi. "You have witnesses. What more do you need? Let's proceed."

It was a probable cause case — assault with dangerous weapons. Grand jury business. Three Spanish-speaking youths stood accused of clubbing Anglos with chains they had allegedly tied to sticks, medieval weapons they whirled during a brawl on Oak and Lawrence Streets.

A serious charge, the handling of which appeared routine, with only one witness or two really needed to determine whether the defendants should be held for the grand jury.

Capt. Glynn called the first witness, a 17-year-old Lawrence youth who got slugged in the face with what was, in original reports, a chain and needed 25 stitches to close the wound. He also temporarily lost the sight in one eye.

But the witness said he couldn't recall the weapon used on him because the fight happened too fast and there was too much confusion, too much of a crowd.

"What?" said Perocchi, as if uncertain he had heard right, and he questioned the witness himself and discovered he did hear right, and discovered further that the witness couldn't recall whom he fought.

"You afraid of anybody?" said Perocchi, staring hard, getting a negative answer. "You mean to say you didn't see who did that kind of damage to you?"

"I just don't want any more trouble," said the witness.

Another witness, a high school student wearing a black plastic knee-length coat, said he saw the whole fight but could not identify anybody.

"You mean," said Perocchi, "your friend here got 25 stitches and you watched, but you don't know who did it?"

"I just saw him on the ground, that's all."

"Did you see anybody swinging chains on sticks?"

"No."

The witness was dismissed, and Perocchi looked around, as if to say, "What the hell's going on?"

A court officer, who had been talking with the witnesses, called out: "Your honor, they all have the same story. They all say they didn't see anything."

"Let them tell me!" Perocchi said. "Let them take the stand."

One of the remaining witnesses scratched his crotch, in the manner of an athlete, his face expressionless. Another witness looked down at his boots.



Subsequent testimony substantiated the court officer, though one of the witnesses identified one of the defendants but not the other two. None could recall what kind of weapon was used to cause a wound that required 25 stitches.

One witness recalled that the fight started because one defendant had taken his jacket and wouldn't give it back."

Perocchi bolted forward. "You mean that's how the fight started and that boy over there got 25 stitches because somebody took your jacket."

The witness said "Yes."

Perocchi dismissed the charges against two of the defendants and reduced the charge to simple assault against the third and gave him a suspended sentence. His lawyer seemed satisfied, and so did the defendant, even though he spoke no English. His interpreter told him what had happened.

Defendants, witnesses and their silent cheering section left the court in a body, no expressions on their faces. Only when they were in the corridor and then tumbling down the outside steps like potatoes freed from a sack did they begin to speak and their voices shot into the air, because it was a kind of debate over who was a hero and who was not.

In the meantime, Perocchi was still on the bench. He still had a lot of cases ahead of him, many more faces heard.

Lawrence

Citizens want a voice . . .

They may get one

Lawrence has no organized citizens group or groups that effectively represent the people.

There is no Common Cause type of lobby in city hall, and little citizen voice there because city council meetings are in the morning when most people work.

Lawrence citizens have no spokesman, no megaphone to make their wishes known, no collective voice to give weight to their words.

Citizens in Lawrence have no organized way to speak out against the slums that exist.

Citizens have no effective way to tell the school committee and the mayor how they feel about the issue of a new high school.

They have no way, really, to say anything that will demand attention from public officials.

One citizen, however, in a letter to the Journal, has proposed a solution.

He says that citizen groups should be formed in all areas of the city and that such groups should meet monthly to discuss issues, come to conclusions, and to present the conclusions to the proper people who can make decisions.

The proposal comes from Philip L. Jewett of the Arlington district.

His proposal appears sound.

What it needs is citizen response, leadership, and city hall support.

His letter is printed in the box below.



This city can be great

To the Journal:

I'm very excited by city planner Harry Weinroth's suggestion that the former library building be renovated for use as a cultural center and possible home for the Garrett Players. Not that I'm all that anxious to see this particular building put to such use, but I like the kind of thinking the suggestion exemplifies. The cultural and aesthetic aspects of human life are rarely given their due in this city. I'm sorry to say. I'm sorry to say it because nobody could love this city more than I do, or more earnestly want to see it realize its fullest potential. Aware and proud of the city's industrial and historical importance, I nonetheless would like it to become even more a place where people want to settle, or work or visit, or shop, or be entertained.

From many approaches to the city, the Lawrence skyline is dominated not by office or hotel buildings, but almost entirely by smokestacks. I hope for a day when at least four or five taller structures announce the fact that this is a city, not a giant factory yard. And it's a city with class. Look at Bishop's; look at Kaps; look at Richard Bennett, shirtmaker; look at Showcase Cinemas; look at the new library; look at what's been happening on Essex and Common streets.

The question of whether or not to construct a new high school leads to the question of what would happen to the old one if a new one were built. To me, the size and design of the building suggest a museum for exhibits of both an artistic and scientific nature—especially with that planetarium on the roof. And what better site for a museum of arts and sciences than across the street from another repository of culture, the library? Paintings and other exhibits could be on loan from other museums until an adequate permanent collection has been acquired.

I've always felt that Lawrence needed a good-sized, well-stocked bookstore. Andover has one. Methuen has two, both located in the new Mall. Lawrence has none which even approximates those in Andover and Methuen. This is shamefully disproportionate, because Andover and Methuen are towns, while Lawrence is a city. It is Lawrence which should be setting the example.

In a city with so many

Italian-Americans, I'm surprised we have so few Italian restaurants. It seems to me, too, that Lawrence now has more Greek-Americans than in former years, and I'd like to see a couple of good Greek restaurants, at least one of which featured live Greek music, like the Omonia in Boston. And while the Sun Villa is a very welcome and long-needed addition to the city's eating places, I think it would be good to have at least one more Chinese restaurant in Lawrence. For that matter, Lawrence restaurants ought to represent as many ethnic cuisines and dietary choices as possible. One such establishment might be built adjacent to radio station WCCM, where the Gladstone Building parking lot is now. I think a lot that size in that area, is unnecessary, and is unfair competition for the nearby parking garage. Nevertheless, some two-thirds of the lot could remain for both Gladstone Building and restaurant parking—then exclusively for restaurant parking when the Gladstone Building offices empty for the day.

Other things I'd like to see in Lawrence: a place where name performers could be presented on stage from time to time. The Warren theatre, with its balcony and box seats, seems ideal for this. If anyone doubts that "names" would come to the area, he has only to scan the rosters of The Merrimack College Celebrity Series; a different sculpture replacing the one outside the library—or a version of the existing one which didn't make its junkyard origins so obvious; the Lawrence Sunday Sun come to life as a newspaper. Lowell's Sun shines much brighter by comparison; at least one other radio station—preferably FM; a first-class, high-rise hotel somewhere in the heart of the city.

Lawrence is re-making itself for the better. My hope is that the city won't rest content with only partial results, but will go all-out to do itself proud.

Of course, I'm not a trained and qualified city planner, and some who read this may laugh at my ideas. But everything I've said and suggested regarding the city was prompted by the fact that I love it so much. And anyone in Lawrence who laughs at that should be living somewhere else.

Frank LaVallo
8 Linehan Street
Lawrence

This divided city

To the Journal:

This is to the people of Lawrence.

This city is divided, as is the whole country. South Lawrence and North Lawrence are almost two separate cities. Why does not the entire city become interested in the Arlington district, pros and cons of the parking meters, the projects in the city (Beacon and Hancock) etc.

Being secretary of the Arlington district showed me a few reasons why there is little interest. The Arlington district has many severe problems. They will not be solved.

Division, apathy, and the City Council are the reasons. Some members gave off an air of "this is no place for you because I reside in South Lawrence."

Having lived there for 15 years, more than 60% of my life and my signature at the bottom of this letter should show what my interest is.

What happens in this area or any other should concern everyone, even the surrounding towns. I would hope people would realize this before it is too late.

With four forms of government (federal, state county, and city) they might solve something if they would stop worrying about credit and thanks.

Is there anyone who would be interested in forming groups in all areas of the city, and getting together once a month to discuss anything and then present it to proper people to act on any decision. No pay, no political appointments, just people who realize the city, state, and country are a concern for all.

If there is, please call or write me.

Sincerely yours,
Philip L. Jewett
5 Martha Lane
Lawrence, 01843

(The writer is a resident of the Arlington district.)

Shortage of vets looming

By DEBORAH FITTS

There may be a cloud on your pet's horizon: there is an increasing shortage of veterinarians nationwide, and particularly in New England.

According to Dr. Richard Lindsay of the Andover Animal Hospital, veterinarians foresee coming consequences of the shortage, such as prolonged delays in treatment and insufficient emergency care.

A study that he participated in as a member of the New England Board of Higher Education's Advisory Committee on Veterinary Medicine shows that while there has been a tremendous growth in the number of pets, the number of vets has remained fairly stable. A 5% increase in pets is projected between now and 1975, and a 10% increase between 1975 and 1980. Meanwhile, just over 1000 vets are graduated from the nation's schools every year, while about the same number are retiring from the business.

"With the demand for these services increasing, we're getting shorter and shorter and just stretched thin," says Lindsay.

One of the chief reasons for the shortage is the lack of schools. There are only eighteen schools in the country that train veterinarians, and each accepts fewer than a hundred applicants a year. None of the schools is in New England.

And a discouraging factor to any new veterinarian is the refusal by many towns to provide zoning for a veterinary hospital.

It makes sense, says Lindsay, for four or five vets to join together and set up a central animal hospital, which would provide outpatient facilities around the clock. "A group practice is the best idea," says Lindsay. "And a central hospital is the coming thing, or should be."

But the chief problem is one of veterinary schools. According to vets around here, New England desperately needs a school of its own. Even then, with a minimum of six years' training facing every veterinary student, it is not likely that relief from the shortage would be in sight for a long time.

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Abortion

Bill Baird resumes his battle

By SUSAN BATTLES

Birth control and abortion advocate Bill Baird, who touched down in Lawrence at about this time last year when he caused a furor with his opinions, is back in Massachusetts causing another storm of controversy.

The boyish-looking father of four has opened an abortion clinic on Boylston Street in Boston, and has announced that pregnant females aged 13 and older who want abortions may have them performed by his staff of three doctors, all imported from New York.

Speaking from his birth control and abortion clinic in Hempstead, N.Y. Tuesday night, Baird said he opened his Boston facility on Nov. 15, and has already aborted women from Greater Lawrence as well as women from other parts of the Eastern seaboard.

"I'm again at war with the Roman Catholic Church," Baird said, recalling the incident in Lawrence last year when the Brotherhood of Temple Emanuel withdrew his Man of the Year Award because of threats of an economic boycott from area Catholics and members of the local Right to Life group.

Baird said he has filed suit in the U.S. Federal Court asking that all Massachusetts Board of Health regulations regarding abortion be declared unconstitutional.

Those regulations, he said, include age limits which deny minors the right to an abortion without parental consent.

The state health board's regulations also require certain kinds of equipment which, Baird said, are unnecessary, extremely expensive, not required during normal childbirth, and not required in other states.

He said childbirth in Massachusetts isn't regulated—babies can be delivered in homes and in the back seats of taxis as well as in the hospital; vasectomies for males can also be given at home, in a doctor's office, in clinics, or, if the patient chooses, in the hospital.

But when it comes to abortion, he said, the state has devised all kinds of regulations which, he said, are blatantly unconstitutional.



BILL BAIRD... 'I'm again at war with the Roman Catholic Church.'

Baird said he has also filed a \$3 million damage suit against Rhode Island state Senator Erich Taylor, who, on a radio program on WMEX in Boston referred to Baird as a "murderer." Sen. Taylor is prominent in Rhode Island's Right to Life movement.

"This is the first time in this country that a person must prove in court that abortion is murder," Baird said. Up until now, he said, persons could and did make accusations like Sen. Taylor's without fear of legal reprisal.

The long-term birth control crusader said he hasn't forgotten his experience in Lawrence last year. He ranks it as one of the more incredible in his career of fighting for the right of women to control their own bodies.

He said the withdrawal of the Temple's award ranks with his eight separate imprisonments in five different states for a variety of "crimes."

Baird said he challenges the members of the local Right to Life group to an open debate any time they wish to air their opinions in a public forum.

Baird said that since the controversy in the city in October 1972, he has never been invited to Merrimack Valley either to speak or debate even though he tried for weeks to get a public forum together to discuss the abortion issue after the Man of the Year award was withdrawn.

"I would like the people in Lawrence to know that as conservative as they may be, their sex drive is no different from that of people in New York—they are having sexual intercourse as much as people in New York, and women are getting pregnant and are needing help," Baird declared.

Although his clinic in Boston is only a few weeks old, people from Lawrence are already coming to it, because its existence has spread through word-of-mouth, he said.

He emphasized that his clinic does free pregnancy testing which is strictly confidential, and that no teenager has to be afraid her parents will be notified or consulted in any way.

Baird said he often finds himself defending his position on abortion, not only on moral but on financial grounds. He says both his clinics are strictly non-profit—the only income he makes is through speaking engagements.

Next week, Baird said, he plans to be at his Boston clinic to oversee its operation. He said he had to staff the clinic with New York doctors who are licensed to practice in Massachusetts because he hasn't yet found any in Massachusetts who care to abort 13 year-olds, since it is as yet considered illegal.

Baird pointed out that the Federal court has 20 days to make a ruling on his suit against the state Board of Health.

"I've never lost a case in 10 years," he said.

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Editorials

An absurdity

There is an absurdity in the willingness of Lawrence officials to permit a private firm to run a parking lot on 38,000 square feet of municipally-owned Common Street land.

The absurdity resides in the fact that the land is located across the street from the city's \$2 million parking garage.

Obviously, a privately-run lot at a location so close to the parking garage will do nothing to enhance business at the city facility. And, most likely, it will hurt business there. Which, in turn, will

hurt Lawrence taxpayers since the less business the garage does, the more tax money is needed to support the facility.

But Mayor John Buckley pushed, and the Lawrence Redevelopment Authority agreed to permit L and L Parking Corp. of Lawrence, a firm run by Louis Eidam of Lawrence, to set up a parking lot on the Common Street site.

It would have been wiser, we believe, if the mayor had urged the LRA to lure a revenue-yielding business to the site, which is prime downtown land and an excellent place for a business to bloom.

Built-in bill

The Andover selectmen are involved in some distasteful business: the town budget for 1974.

They are coming up with a bleak tax rate picture for next year.

What appears to disturb them the most is the built-in \$2 tax rate increase from Andover's share for Essex county operating expenses.

The selectmen, however, have no cause to complain.

It has been known for years that county government is obsolete, that it long ago lost its reasons for existing.

It has been known for years that county government is the most striking example of the patronage system's outrageous abuses.

Social security

Congress will soon boost social security benefits to help retirees catch up with inflation, and that's only fair.

The hike in benefits voted by the House is 7 percent next April and another 4 percent next July instead of the 5.6 percent scheduled for next July. Average benefits for a couple would rise from the current \$277 to \$310 in July. The maximum goes from \$411 to \$456.

The Senate Finance Committee has voted a 7 percent benefit hike immediately, and another 4 percent next July. That may mean the Senate-House conference will compromise on a 7 percent boost next February or March.

There can be little quarrel with the idea that retirees deserve a catch-up boost earlier than next July and more than the 5.6 percent hike scheduled for that time even though that means a boost in social security taxes for persons earning more than \$12,600 a year.

The 11 percent now programmed for our senior citizens will mean just keeping up with inflation.

In the third quarter of this year, the consumer price index climbed at an annual rate of 10.3 percent. And the food component—which is a proportionately bigger share of household budgets for the elderly than for most workers—climbed at an annual rate of 28 percent.

While we strongly support the increased benefits, we just as strongly oppose the present earnings limit of \$2,100 for social security pensioners.

A retiree who earns more than that amount forfeits some of his social security

It has been known for years that county government is inefficient, wasteful, and a senseless drain on taxpayers.

But the selectmen have not gone to the State House and raised their voices against county government.

They have not lent their support to citizen efforts to shake off the burden of county government.

Maybe this sort of action is not the responsibility of the selectmen, but if that built-in bill from the country (and the bill becomes higher every year) really does disturb them, maybe they should make it their responsibility.

Otherwise, they may merely complain about it. And pay the bill by upping the town's tax rate accordingly.

That rule should be junked and the quicker the better. It imposes a real hardship on the retired person who has no private pension—and they number in the millions.

Quotes

"A man is innocent until proven guilty except in Nazi Germany, Russia and this town." — Methuen Town Councilor Raffi Takesian, in rapping the recent suspension of Thomas Greene, the town's Department of Public Works superintendent. Greene was suspended without the specific charges against him being revealed.

"A lot of people are forced to come here. The Puerto Ricans don't like to come here. You think they like to come here? No, they are forced to. It's not that their government kicks them into the planes, but here they can find jobs. It is apparently easy to get jobs here" — Eduardo Crespo, Spanish Advisory Council moderator.

"Something needs to be done to clear up that section and change the image of the area. Right now it looks like Route 1 in Saugus." — Salem Planning Board Chairman John Sununu on the clutter of signs and bright lights on Salem's "Gold Strip" (South Broadway), where merchants are reporting an alarming drop-off in trade, believed due to the Methuen Mall, among other new shopping areas.

"We've had three warm winters in a row and just made it by the skin of our teeth. The law of averages says we're due for a tough one." — Henry M. Powers of Sprague Corp. in regard to the fuel crisis.

Dinner money

Currently in the Massachusetts Legislature is a campaign finance disclosure bill that would redefine the word "candidate."

The reason for this is to enforce the reporting of money raised through contributions or testimonial dinners for those who may not have officially announced their candidacies.

This would directly affect all those dinner-dances at Central Catholic High School and all those ham-and-bean suppers Lawrence politicians use while in office to raise money.

Following such affairs, the politicians never announced to the public how much money they took in and what they plan to do with it. Neither do they divulge who bought the \$100-rolls of tickets.

They simply won't reveal this information on their own.

That's why the bill should become law.

Energy crisis

Washington, finally, is getting down to coping with the heart of the energy shortage. Plans are firmed up for sweeping controls that should have been imposed many months ago.

Unfortunately, even if it's not too little, it certainly is too late.

From the very beginning, Washington—and that means both Congress and the Nixon administration—has miscalculated on the low side. It has badly mis-read the utter seriousness of the energy supply lag. And now it's mis-reading the public temper.

Our political leaders ought to quit worrying about what the public will accept. The American people, as always in the face of crisis, will respond with a good deal less panic and hysteria than our procrastinating officials fear. The people will accept what needs to be done.

It's too bad our timid bureaucracy has forced us into a situation where crash action will be necessary.

The crash technique is always inefficient.

The least we can expect from official Washington now is the long needed formulation of a comprehensive national energy policy. It has been a must for a long time.

For the fact is if our nation had such a policy over recent years, we wouldn't be witnessing today's spectacle of frightened Washington officials seeking to pin the responsibility for the crisis on anyone other than their own shoulders.

It's a little late for that.

Of one thing we're certain. The people will not be found watning in facing up to the crisis. Would that we could say the same about our fearful bureaucrats.

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Merger a good way for Mayor Buckley to bounce enemies

Three municipal officials presently have a firmer grip on their jobs than Mayor John Buckley would like them to have and that, most likely, is a major reason that he has resurrected his merger plan.

It is no secret that Buckley would like to get rid of Daniel Kiley III, Lawrence Housing Authority director; Thomas Walsh, Lawrence Redevelopment Authority director; and John Burke, LRA assistant director.

Kiley's crime, as far as Buckley is concerned, is his father—Daniel Kiley, Jr., the former mayor who ranks at the top of Buckley's list of political enemies.

Walsh and Burke, once among Buckley's inner-circle, fell from favor with Buckley when they cooperated with the elder Kiley after he bounced Buckley out of the mayor's office back in 1965.

Complicating things for Buckley is the fact that Kiley, Walsh and Burke are performing their duties in a relatively competent fashion and do not merit dismissal.

But chances are good that Buckley, who returned to the mayor's office in 1971 and won re-election Nov. 8, could use his puppet-like supporters at the LHA to sack Kiley and similar puppets at the LRA to dump Walsh and Burke. It wouldn't be easy though. Doubtless, there would be rough and noisy fights, especially at the Housing Authority where two board members, Donald Kiley (no relation to Daniel Kiley) and Dr. Thomas Killeen, are bitterly outspoken critics of Buckley.

And though Buckley might be successful in orchestrating direct moves against Kiley, Walsh and Burke, it might also do him far more harm than good. Certainly, such action would add weight to the claims, brought to a head by this year's mayoral challenger Albert Previte, that Buckley has been using the mayor's office as a launching pad for acts of political vengeance.

Editorial points

Gulf Oil Corp. has pleaded guilty to making an illegal \$100,000 gift to the Nixon re-election campaign and to making gifts to other political campaigns. We've lost count on how many corporations that makes now.

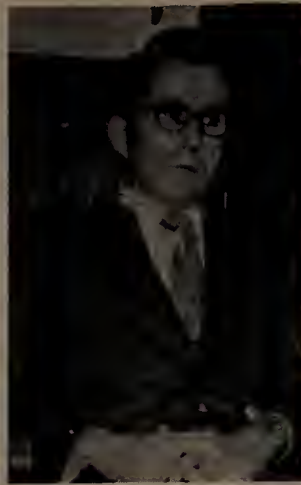
Boston finished 22d among 30 cities in a national survey on how well cities are meeting housing needs. It's a good thing Lawrence wasn't included.

Milk has skyrocketed in price to over 70 cents a half-gallon. Needed now is a drinkable substitute for the millions who can't afford such prices.

It sure sounded good back in 1971 when President Nixon proclaimed an intensified battle against cancer. We remember him raising his fist when he said it. Such sincerity! The only trouble is that the battle has bogged down for lack of funds. "It seems to us in the field that not much has gone on," said cancer researchers last week at the University of California.



ATTY. BURKE



THOMAS WALSH



DANIEL KILEY 3d

In the face of all that, Buckley has resurrected his plan to merge the LHA, LRA and city planning department into a single agency which would fall under the direct control of the mayor.

The plan, rejected by the state legislature earlier this year, represents a slower way to dislodge Kiley, Walsh and Burke from their jobs.

It is more round-about.

It won't be as dramatic as if Buckley

turned his allies at the LHA and LRA loose on Kiley, Walsh and Burke.

But it will work. It will get rid of three officials that Buckley wants to get rid of. And there is a bonus: The merger, if implemented, will give Buckley direct control over dozens of other LHA, LRA and planning department employees.

For the time being, Kiley, Walsh and Burke are safe. That situation, however, will change completely if the merger is implemented.

The bell ringer

It's a damn good thing I don't live in England because I'd belt the first member of the so-called Royal Family who referred to me as a "commoner."

And in case you don't know it, royal protocol dictates Princess Anne must decide which of her new hubby's friends can be introduced to her, and when they are, she must speak first. Yuk!

What the hell is a cotton future?

It's always disturbing when the voice of the pilot comes over the jet's loudspeaker in a thick tongue.

I'm trying to find a copy of the Random House book published just last year entitled, "White Knight; the Rise of Spiro Agnew."

Was Elsa Schiaparelli the daughter of Judy Garland?

With a little extra effort, the Greater Lawrence Chamber of Commerce ought to be able to bring the 1974 national snail races to our area.

I'd love to mention North Andover this week, but nothing's happening there.

Just once I'd like to see King Faisal of Saudi Arabia smile. God, he must have an awful sour stomach.

Mayor Buckley has vigorously denied the report that Essex street may become a toll road.

Sinatra's still the king — at least for a little while longer.

All the area thrift shops have turned down the offer by one of our most influential Republicans of his last year's wardrobe.

Many Andover men are still wearing red pants and white shoes — which is a little frightening.

There's something refreshing in the news that in Harrisburg, Pa., nobody was elected to the City Council because nobody ran. Now if that will just catch on...

One of the few events my fantasies do not include is falling in love with a go-go dancer.

We've just fired the guy who writes the column, "There's Always Good News." No material.

Town officials insist on keeping mum, but if it's true that Methuen is sitting on a huge oil shale deposit, we'll all be rich.

There's a lovable absent-minded Merrimac College professor who was standing on Essex street in last week's downpour, holding an

unopened umbrella. "Oh, it's so full of holes it wouldn't do any good," was his explanation. When asked why he bothered to bring it at all, the answer was simply, "I didn't think it was going to rain." Which is why I love him.

I'm getting sick of TV station managers who just arrive then promptly get on the tube to tell us what's wrong with everything here.

And why do those radio disc jockeys have to announce their names every other minute? Are they that insecure?

The man who robbed the South Lawrence Mall Branch of the Essex County Bank at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 21. Please come in. Your pictures are ready.

I'm tired of book reviews that tell me all about what the reviewer thinks — but precious little about the book.

I sleep better at night knowing we're spending two million bucks in federal and state salaries for Civil Defense in Massachusetts. Especially with Comet Kohoutek headed straight for Turnpike road in North Andover.

If Atty. Gen. Quinn's idea of a campaign for governor is to lump Gov. Sargent with Spiro Agnew — the way Quinn did recently — he's dead already.

Make a note right now. If I catch you using the word "viable," or the expression "tell it like it is," I'll lock you up for 60 days. In solitary.

If the pay stays the same, I see nothing wrong with cutting the work week in half as my sacrifice because of the energy shortage.

And I can hardly wait for my neighbors to give up their electric driers so I can start checking out their family wash.

Last time it was this dark at night, I was worried about German U-boats prowling around Pumps Pond.

This energy shortage is unreal. I had a hellava time finding a bottle of castor oil.

Would it really hurt if our area city and town officials turned on the Christmas lights the weekend before Christmas, or at least on Christmas Eve?

Let's not get paranoid over the energy shortage, for God's sake. Things are depressing enough as it is. With the party season just around the corner, I want all of you to go all out for the festive look. Forget the freaky and functional. Use every glamour trick in the book. It's dress-up time. Wash your hair.

It is extremely difficult to drown a rubber duck.

My mail is running 1 to 0.

Letters

Apology wanted

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Legris has no right to demean the work that hospital employees do. Her suggestion that hospital work is beneath a smart or educated person I find personally offensive. As a hospital worker and colleague of Mr. O'Connor, I can assure her that ministering to the needs of the sick and assisting at life-and-death emergencies is every bit as noble and honorable a profession as secondary school teaching.

I believe Mrs. Legris owes me Mr. O'Connor, and hundreds of other dedicated hospital workers in Greater Lawrence an apology for suggesting that working in a hospital is a menial occupation unworthy of intelligent people.

Joseph McEvoy
No. Andover, Mass.

Dominic DiGuardo

Dear Sir:

In reference to one of your notes on the "People and Places" page of the Journal issue of Oct. 25, regarding the Rev. Dominic DiGuardo, may I respectfully point out the following:

Rev. DiGuardo, a schoolmate of mine, is a member of the Salesian Order and of ASCAP.

He came to Lawrence from Sicily in 1912 and graduated from Holy Rosary School in 1922. As a composer, besides the collection of hymns entitled "Praise the Lord," he has published three operettas and three Masses.

In addition, he has published six plays for high school youngsters.

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Vo-Tech's 'Spitfire'

Dear Sir:

May I use your paper to express my thanks to a young lady known to me only as Judy, and called "Spitfire" by a supervisor at the Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational School in Andover. This very pretty girl works as a secretary for the evening division at the Voke School.

Last Wednesday night I went to the Voke School for information about the evening program. At the time Judy was busy typing, answering the switchboard, and giving out attendance sheets to the evening school instructors. She took the time to give me all the

information I needed, and to explain each different program because I just could not understand them.

I held her up for a good twenty minutes, but instead of losing patience, she went over each program a second time and displayed quite a sense of humor while doing it.

She told me she was used to men as the school had an enrollment of over 1600 and about 1525 were men. I would like to say that there are 1525 men who have a very beautiful and a very nice secretary keeping the Vo-Tech night school going.

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The Pointer Sisters

By AL ZAPPALA

Like a Saturday night fireworks display, a new contemporary vocal group has burst onto the rock scene. Bringing a hard-driving beat to the front, ala the Andrews Sisters of the 40's, the Pointer Sisters have exhibited a flair for causing foot-stomping music whenever they're heard.

Their new album on Blue Thumb Records is unquestionably one of the year's ten best.

This masterpiece of music brings the soul out of boogie and deposits it in your lap.

Daughters of a Baptist minister, the four girls, Rita, Anita, Bonnie and June, did background music for top black stars before setting out on their own. Originally from Oakland, Calif., the girls, who range in age from 19 to 27, are embarking on a cross-country tour to promote their latest offering. They've landed spots thus far on the Flip Wilson Show and the Friday Evening In Concert series.

The L.P. itself tickles the auditory nerve. Starting out with the hard driving but unfortunately gone commercial, YES, WE CAN, the girls don't stop trying until the final chorus of WAND DANG DOODLE, a floor-stomping, heart-rocking melody.

Probably the best cut on the L.P. is JADA'S COMING HOME, a take-off on the Andrews Sisters song-style, which ends up better than the originals.

Definitely stars of the future.

Lawrence Gas Company sold

Lawrence Gas Company has been officially acquired by Bay State Gas Company (formerly Springfield Gas Light Company) with the transfer of stock and final passing of papers to the new owners. Lawrence Gas Company was a subsidiary of New England Electric System.

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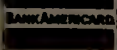
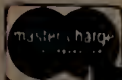
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This is what easily may happen to a Lawrence landmark—that massively medieval and darkly gothic building that until recently was the Lawrence Public Library.

Alderman Richard A. Reming wants it demolished.

There is little likelihood of an organized voice to save the structure because the city has no historical society, even though Lawrence is rich in tradition and big in buildings.

This is unfortunate because that old fortress of a building that used to be a library retains echoes of immigrants educating themselves, men and women peeling pages into a new world, St. Mary's girls (grown now, gone, their uniforms put away) writing papers, college students with holes in their shoes marking pages, making notes, grabbing ideas.

The library was a lush center of learning things the hard way because that was a time when many people educated themselves, read words aloud to capture sounds, and underlined ideas with pencils sharpened by pocket knives.

Those were great, gritty days in Lawrence's history.

And the old library hangs heavily at Hampshire and Haverhill Streets as a symbol of a city that made something of itself, a building whose stones now are slipping, whose floors are sinking whose windows are tilting.

Reming wants to destroy it, and there have been only a few scattered voices to protest the proposal.

City Planner Harry Weinroth recommends rehabilitating the building and using it as a cultural

center—something which the city doesn't have.

Back in the early 1960s, the old post office was recommended as a cultural center. That was a landmark too, and a great building. It was demolished.

Frank LaVallo of Linehan Street praises Weinroth for his idea and says: "The cultural and aesthetic aspects of human life are rarely given their due in this city, I'm sorry to say."

Another voice heard is that of Richard Uliano of Swan Street, a student at Emerson College who says the building is too much of a historical landmark to be destroyed.

Uliano, who is 21, says he wishes he had been old enough in 1957 to address the city council. The year 1957 was when the Bodwell House, the oldest house in Lawrence, built in the 18th century, was demolished. All that the house needed was \$4000 in renovations.

The mayor in 1957 was John J. Buckley. He should have done something to stop such a slaughter of city-history, but it probably didn't cross his mind.

Now it is 1973, and John J. Buckley has returned as mayor.

He has never shown much interest in Lawrence's cultural development, and there is no indication that he is going to start now, which means that loud voices would be needed to make him move.

Alderman Reming's contention is that the building is structurally unsafe and unsound and in immediate need of \$4000 in repairs.

That \$4000 has a familiar ring. An ominous ring.

Maybe Reming's right. Maybe the building, in the long run, would cost a fortune to fix, and should be torn down.

But Reming doesn't know that for a fact, and there are those who disagree, Weinroth for one.

And Reming has not bothered to ask how the people of Lawrence feel about destroying one of their landmarks.

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From luxury to a Lawrence tenement

But now it's nice again

By DAN FITTS

Eduardo Crespo comes from an upper middle class home in Ecuador. He was happy there, he says, doing well in school, when, because of family problems, he was sent to Lawrence to live with an older sister.

"I didn't want to go to America," he said in a recent interview. And with good reason.

From living in a house with maids and a car, he found himself sharing a little fourth floor tenement over a bus station on Jackson Street.

It didn't seem at all the way he'd imagined it. "I had expected to see skyscrapers, not ugly factory areas and poor people living in downtown areas," he said. "I went to work in a shoe shop, in Lawrence, at age 16. The first time I realized what I was going to face, I said to myself, 'No way!'"

Since then Crespo's life sounds like something out of a Latin-American Horatio Alger novel. In the past seven years Crespo has acquired a B.A. degree, a wife and two children, a good job with the Woburn welfare department, and a modern single family home in South Lawrence.

He now dreams of returning to Ecuador to be a businessman and, ultimately, a politician there. He would like to represent his country someday in the United Nations or some other world-wide organization.

In the meantime Crespo lives in Lawrence. He is the new head of the Spanish advisory council to the Community Action Council (CAC), and he has big plans, plans to make the council a force for social change, plans that could help other Spanish speaking out of their fourth floor apartments and shoe shops.

For, as he said, "not everybody is an Eduardo Crespo."

Crespo is a graduate of Lawrence High School, where he got his picture in the paper for getting an 800 in his Spanish Aptitude test on the College Boards. Since he had come from a good school in Ecuador, he said, and since Spanish was, after all, his native language, the test was breeze. Nevertheless, he noted, his Spanish teacher had himself photographed with Crespo, as if to take some of the credit.

Crespo said he was given very little help at Lawrence High. "Nobody helped me get into college. I had true desire, but nobody helped." But he did manage to get into Northern Essex. "Thank God for Northern Essex," he said. With hard work he was finally accepted

by the University of Massachusetts, from which he now holds a B.A. degree in Economics.

He said many Spanish-speaking, lacking his personal drive, perhaps, or his language ability— he speaks English fluently— do not make out as well.

"The masses get turned off and we lose them," he said. "And there are going to be problems. The Spanish-speaking are going to be paying for it with identity crises, racial barriers, value problems."

Though Lawrence's Spanish-speaking number anywhere from 5,000 to 12,000, they lack political power, indeed any effective organized representation. Crespo said he hopes his advisory council, composed of 21 members of the Spanish community, can do something about that.

His predecessor was Jose Ramirez, now a personnel manager for a firm in Westminster. Under Ramirez the council was not particularly effective, Crespo said. For one thing, he said, Ramirez was a "passive" person, not inclined to rock the boat. Moreover, he continued, Ramirez was at the same time being paid by the CAC as the Spanish coordinator, the person who supposedly would be representing the Spanish council on the CAC.

The upshot, he said, was that the council remained low man on the CAC totem pole. At its December meeting, he said, Rev. James Keller, treasurer of the CAC, will report on where the CAC's money goes. Crespo implied that his figures will show the Spanish do not get their fair share of it. This all may be academic if the CAC itself folds for lack of federal funds. Each year the CAC has to hold its breath to see if its Federal Funds are renewed.

EDUARDO CRESPO... Thank God for Northern Essex (DANA CAHOON PHOTO)



"Jose envisioned the Spanish council only as an advisory group," said Crespo. "I don't envision it like that. We are not going to accomplish much by making recommendations and passing resolutions. We've got to do our own thing. If we feel there is an issue, we have to tackle it head on."

He said the council should incorporate, raise funds, hire a lawyer and a director, someone who can carry out the council's desires. The director would have to be a smoothie, he said, someone who knows how to work with the establishment. "We don't want a weight lifter who's going to punch Buckley in the nose and say 'I did it because the Spanish people don't like you,'" Crespo said.

Crespo talked about making "structural changes" in society, because anything less will not help matters much. There is a world of difference between getting the welfare department to hire a Spanish interpreter and getting it to appoint Spanish-speaking as supervisors, he said.

The change would have to be gradual. Crespo said he does not think the council will immediately start pressing for more low income housing in Lawrence's suburbs.

"It's up to regional government to push for these things," he said. "It is not really up to the council to tell Andover it needs more low income housing. That's pushing it too much. At this point we haven't got the political machinery to do that."

It remains to be seen whether the council can create the needed "structural changes." But, Crespo promises, "We are going to get involved in these things because we deserve these things."



JOHN SUNUNU

Salem N.H. Methuen Mall hurting business on Rte. 28



BERT FORD

New shopping centers near Salem, like the Methuen Mall, are making themselves felt.

Bert Ford, selectmen chairman, said Salem's South Broadway merchants reported a drop in their business last month of 12 to 18 percent.

Sununu cited several possible reasons besides the mall's opening: the narrowness of Route 28, the clutter of signs that make people think the stores are low class, the lack of access from one store to the next.

He and Selectman George Khoury blamed the merchants themselves for not taking the initiative to improve things.

"There's a lack of a cohesive merchants' association in the community," said Khoury. "I think that's basic to a good many of our problems."

TWICE SALEM TOWN MEETINGS have rejected proposals to force contractors to fix up gravel pits after they have finished with them.

These proposals have been defeated because, say conservationists, the meetings were stacked with contractors. So, today, while many other communities

have laws to control them, gravel pits can be dug out in Salem without any permits needed.

This may be changing. The selectmen, prompted by the death earlier this year of a Methuen youngster in an abandoned gravel pit, have appointed a committee to recommend a new open pit law.

There were some fears among conservationists that this committee was stacked with developers. But, be that as it may, their proposed law is, on the face of it, plenty strict enough.

So says Wally Schultz, an advocate of strict gravel pit enforcement, who has worked on open pit laws in Salem for many years. He helped to draw up the proposed by-laws that were defeated in town meetings, and he is a member of the new hazardous pits committee. He says the proposed new bylaw is in some ways even stricter than those town meetings turned down.

The law would give selectmen the right to grant or deny a gravel pit permit and would require the contractor to plant trees and generally repair the damage when he's through with a gravel pit. There would be a \$50 a day fine for disobeying the law. He

said there's been little protest from contractors about the strictness of the proposed law.

Maybe, suggests John Sununu planning board chairman, it's because contractors are beginning to realize a gravel pit law is not such an unreasonable thing to have.

MELVIN CARTER, CUSTODIAN of the Kelly Library, came out of a hospital bed to give Selectmen a little speech Monday night against enlarging an outdoor ice rink on the marsh near the library.

The recreation committee had asked that it be allowed to clear away some of the marsh to double an already existing rink there.

"Last Fall," said Carter, "looking out from the Kelly Library, there wasn't a prettier place in all Salem than that area. This is something that once it's destroyed—once you cut the brush you lower the water table forever—once it's gone that's the end of a site that can never be replaced."

Selectmen seemed impressed by his objection and by those of others present at the meeting, and asked the recreation committee to look into alternative rink sites.

JAZZ/Robert Battles

"His music has what he is: a source of inexhaustible vitality." Mike Bourne of "Downbeat" goes on to praise drummer Billy Cobham and his recent release, "Spectrum" (Atlantic SD7268),



ROBERT BATTLES

a record with the distinction of earning 4½ stars in that magazine's ratings department. This recording is one of the most enjoyable releases of late, so far as jazz goes. Billy Cobham has long been regarded by members of the jazz world as a major figure in percussion. Having graduated from Miles Davis's band, he is now playing with the Mahavishnu Orchestra, a quintet that has been instrumental (no pun intended) in bridging the gap between rock and jazz. Mahavishnu John McLaughlin, a guitarist whose style is perhaps the most copied sound in jazz

today, not to mention rock, leads his quintet through some complex compositions, with Cobham laying down a radiant and rock-steady rhythm. The rest of the quintet, namely Jan Hammer on keyboards, Jerry Goodman on violin, and Rick Laird on electric bass, produce a sound that is all their own. But back to Cobham. "Spectrum" is a gathering of some very independent music-makers, joining together to produce some very tight, very driving music. Except for two cuts, the personnel is Cobham on percussion, Jan Hammer on electric piano, acoustic piano and Moog synthesizer, Lee Sklar on fender bass. The two cuts remaining feature Joe Farrell on flute, alto and soprano sax, Jimmy Owens on flugelhorn and trumpet, John Tropea on guitar, Jan Hammer again, Ron Carter on

bass (Cobham played on Carter's latest release on the CTI label, "Blues Farm"), and Ray Barreto on congas. Oh yes, another guitarist, called Tommy Bolin in the liner notes, plays on most of the cuts, and it is rumored that Bolin is none other than Mahavishnu himself, a possibility given at least partial credit by the astoundingly good guitar work by this Tommy Bolin, whom I've never heard of.

The record is truly a spectrum in itself, with different tracks reflecting different facets of Cobham's musical personality. My own favorite, "Quadrant 4", has some overtones of the Mahavishnu Orchestra, while "Spectrum" has Owens blowing his own personal wide-open tone in a piece seemingly designed for the meeting of Owens and Joe Farrell.

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Current cinema

THE DON IS DEAD. This movie has two things going for it: Anthony Quinn and much violence. Anthony Quinn is an A-number-one actor who has

spent most of his career making B movies. "The Don is Dead" is B+.

MASSACRE IN ROME. Deals with the allegation that Pius XII

during the Nazi occupation of Rome knew of the impending massacre of 300 hostages held in reprisal for a partisan attack on a detachment of storm troops in Rome and did not intervene. Richard Burton plays the ruthless Nazi security man. Marcello Mastroianni is the priest who tries to get Vatican intercession.

THE ALL-AMERICAN BOY. Jon Voight (Midnight Cowboy) is the star. One hell of a movie, rich, absorbing, about a handsome anti-hero who uses people but will not get involved with them. He wants to be something but he won't pay the price of achievement. He gives lip-service to goals and nothing else.

SUMMER WISHES, WINTER DREAMS. Joanne Woodward plays a brilliant part as a middle-aged woman forced, on her mother's death, to face her

own pattern of living. Martin Balsam plays her husband (remember him in "Psycho"? He came up the stairs and wham! He got stabbed to death by Tony Perkins in drag).

VISIONS OF EIGHT. Eight noted filmmakers look at different aspects of the 1972 summer Olympics. One segment is on the weightlifters, another on women, and so on. Sound terrific? It isn't. Some of the isolated sequences are great, but the "visions" are on the whole rather mindless, for all their technical skill.

THE OPTIMISTS. Peter Sellers is the star. The setting is London, mostly the slums of the city, and the view of it is sentimental. Movie made for the family.

YEAR OF THE WOMAN. Film made by women about women. It was written by

Sandra Hochman, whose novel "Walking Papers" was a popular success. Movie was made in the form of a documentary but with a very heavy hand.

MIDNIGHT COWBOY and **WHERE'S POPPA.** Two extraordinary movies, the former a sensitive study of a desperate friendship between two losers, Dustin Hoffman and Jon Voight, the latter a hilarious black comedy about a New York lawyer (George Segal) and his senile mother (Ruth Gordon).

EXECUTIVE ACTION. It deals with an alleged conspiracy by high-powered people in the assassination of President Kennedy. Stars are Burt Lancaster and, in his last role before his death, Robert Ryan. It is a movie terribly appropriate for the times.

JONATHAN LIVINGSTON SEAGULL. Endless scenery. Two hours of seagulls. The book that it is based on takes only 30 minutes to read. The author, Richard Bach, despises the movie, with reason.

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The Methuen town council's planning committee will meet Nov. 28 (Wednesday) in town hall. Subject will be the Jackson Street petition.

WEST SCHOOL

West School PTA in Methuen will sponsor a Christmas fair Dec 1 (Saturday) at the school. Mrs. Helen Otis is chairman.

CHURCH FAIR

The annual all-church fair of Ballardvale United Church will be held on Nov. 30 (Thursday) and the following day in Fellowship Hall. "Santa's workshop" will open at 4 p.m. on Nov. 30. The snack bar opens an hour later. The fair reopens the following day at 10 a.m., with luncheon at 11:30 a.m. William Nicoll is fair chairman.

VAN CLIBURN

Van Cliburn, famous pianist from Texas and winner of the Tchaikovsky competition in Moscow, will perform in concert at Merrimack College tonight at

8:30 p.m. The recital is the second event in the 1973-1974 celebrity series at the college. Other featured artists in the series, now in its sixth year, will include Flamenco guitarist Carlos Montoya on Feb. 22 and Metropolitan opera tenor Nicolai Gedda on March 24.

CONCERT

The new Andover Community Chamber Orchestra will give its debut performance Nov. 30 (Friday) at 7:30 p.m. in the Underwood Room of Phillips Academy in Andover.

PARADE

The annual Christmas parade in Salem, N.H., sponsored by the Board of Trade, will be held Sunday starting at 2 p.m.

POPS CONCERT

A holiday pops concert by the Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra will be held Dec. 16 (Sunday) at 3:30 p.m. in West Junior High School, Andover.

SHOW

A Christmas children's show will be held Dec. 8 (Saturday) from 10 a.m. to noon at Jerry Lewis Cinema in Salem, N.H., with proceeds going to benefit the town's needy. Entry to the movie may be made only by donating two or more cans of food and one package of dessert.

SUPPER

The Hockey Moms of the Methuen Youth Hockey Assn. will hold a pot luck supper at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 30 (Friday) at Gaythorne Hall in Methuen.

CONCERT

The combined Andover Male Choir and Andover Choral Society will present Handel's "Messiah" on Dec. 2 (Sunday) at 8 p.m. in St. Robert Bellarmine Church, Andover.

PILOT CLUB

The Pilot Club of Merrimack Valley will sponsor a winetasting party Sunday at 5 p.m. at Savastano's Restaurant in Lawrence. Flora Manzi is chairman.

BALL

The Camellia Ball will be held Dec. 7 (Friday) at the Andover Country Club. Mrs. William B. Duffy of North Andover is chairman.

FAIR

St. David's Episcopal Church in Salem, N.H., will hold a Christmas fair Nov. 30 (Friday) from 7 to 9 p.m. and the

following day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church.

ART AUCTION

Several New England artists will exhibit their works for auction on Nov. 28 (Wednesday) at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Andover. The art may be previewed from 7 to 8 p.m. The auction will begin at 8 p.m.

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Sore spots in Lawrence are the Lorenz playground area on Prospect Hill, North Parish Road around the housing project, and the Hancock housing project area. These are areas where residents say young people gather in gangs, harass residents and damage property.

John H. Sununu has been re-elected chairman of the Salem (N.H.) Planning Board.

Mario Barbagallo, a businessman from Methuen, is touring Europe, mainly because he plans to launch a business there but also because he enjoys the traveling. He is due to return within a week or so.

Ronald Prada, a Costa Rico native who now lives in Lawrence, has been honored by the state for his volunteer work with people enrolled at the Lawrence General Hospital rehabilitation center. He is employed by the Lawrence School System in the federal programs department.

Albert Previte, the unsuccessful Lawrence mayoral candidate, and his wife, Harriet,

have returned from a brief vacation in Montreal. They needed the vacation, according to Previte, after the rigors of this year's mayoral battle.

The Italian-American War Veterans and the Disabled American Veterans honored Antonio DeLuca of Lawrence this past weekend with a party at the Rendezvous Restaurant in Methuen. DeLuca was the first Italian-American department commander in Massachusetts.

David J. Healy of North Andover starred in the Stonehill College production of "Company" last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Antonia Gucciardi of North Andover recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a dinner party at Savastano's Restaurant in Lawrence.

Catherine J. Warrens, graduated from Salem N.H. High School last June, enlisted in the Air Force, studied the Air Force mission and organization at Lackland Base in Texas and received special instruction in human relations, and now has been assigned to Lowry Air Force Base in Colorado.

Donald Douglass, former director of the Merrimack Valley Health Planning Council, is now a student at Boston University. He is studying health planning.

If you go into Morin's restaurant and ask for Henry,

everybody knows instantly who you mean. If you ask for Dupuiyo, people will say, "Who?" Henry Dupuiyo works the take-out counter at the downtown restaurant. "Absolutely no one," he says, "knows my last name. It's too hard to say, and hard to remember. He claims his wife has a hard time remembering it, and refers to herself as Mrs. Henry. He says that people he has worked with for years don't know his last name. It's Dupuiyo. Dupuiyo. Dupuiyo.

Mrs. James H. Grew of North Andover was co-chairman of the reception held last week opening the first exhibition in the United States to unearth China's past. The reception was at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston and included Chinese music, food and wine.

Joe DeNuncio and Sam Johnson are among the brightest stars in Lawrence's Pop Warner Football League.

The journalism class at Tenney Memorial High School gets around. Two weeks ago, members got a thorough briefing on newspapering at the Boston Globe. Last week, the class went to Channel 4 in Boston and studied the electronic medium. They saw news being compiled, watched previews of taping and filming, and conferred with TV newsmen. Also last week, the class conferred with Roy Reiss, Radio Station WCCM sports

personality and a columnist with the Journal.

The name of Peter R. Sotera, a member of Methuen's town council, has been listed in this year's edition of "Outstanding Young Men of America." The award goes to those who display outstanding ability, accomplishments and community service.

William Buehner of Methuen and a teacher at Pike School in Andover is more than a reader of the Journal. He's a faithful friend. Last week he went to a store to buy the Journal and couldn't find one. But after rummaging around a bit, he discovered that someone had buried the Journals under unsold issues of another newspaper. He quickly exhumed the Journals. Out of curiosity, he went to a second store, found the same situation, and took the corrective action.

Soccer is becoming a bigtime sport in Greater Lawrence. North Andover's Western Electric plant alone has 150 people playing the game in inter-plant play.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Plantamura of Lawrence are among the more skillful members of the Rocketeer Square Dance Club.

The following area police officers are enrolled in the Basic Drug Abuse Education School at Northern Essex Community College: James Carabello and Thomas Giaquinta of North Andover; Thomas Calabrese, Edward Lawlor, Jerome Lucchessi and Julius Valungus of Lawrence; and Roland Mignault of Methuen.

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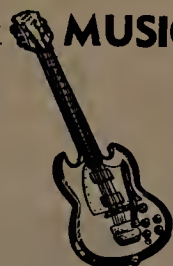
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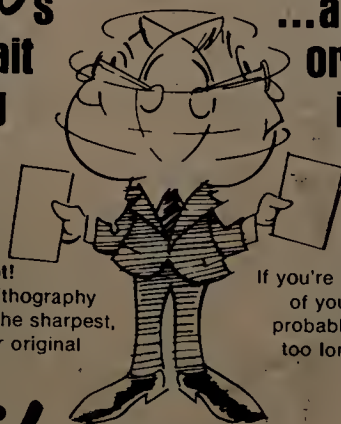
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Lawrence football at lowest point in history

Negativism—an attitude of mind marked by skepticism about nearly everything affirmed by others.

That's how Mr. Webster defines the word in his 7th New Collegiate Dictionary. And I guess that's what I've been accused of when discussing the Lawrence football situation.

There have been very few moments for cheering in the last 6 seasons of Lancer football. Lawrence has totaled a mere 12 wins over that period, 5 coming in one season. So if you subtract that total you come up with 7 wins in 5 years, not too impressive.

Now what is a reporter to do when he sees this? Should he turn his back and fabricate stories to mislead a public which doesn't understand a situation? Should he forget the whole situation? Or should he report the facts as he sees them? Of course, the latter can only come from someone who is close to the situation, not from someone who doesn't even go to Lawrence games.

The first to cry about negativism was Joe Carven, the outstanding head coach of Haverhill High School. Carven, quite naturally, wants to keep Lawrence on his schedule since he's beaten the Lancers every time out in his 6 seasons at Haverhill. After administering some one-sided defeats, Carven must build up the opposition, and in so doing, he misleads the



ROY REISS

public. By pointing a finger at people who want to help Lawrence High, Carven has taken some of the pressure off himself, and he looks good to the Haverhill people since he's trying to maintain a long rivalry. So his motives can be questioned.

Moreover, Carven isn't that familiar with the Lawrence situation. Sure he sees them once a year, but that doesn't qualify him as an authority on Lawrence football. If Carven really knew what Lawrence High football is like, I wonder if he'd give up his Haverhill job to come to Lawrence for the same pay. That should answer your question about Carven and his knowledge of Lawrence football.

Next we have members of the local media who don't like all this talk on Lawrence football, especially since it's all supposedly negative. Well if you check past editions of the local daily paper, you'd find that these same reporters back the coach 100% until he starts to lose. Then and only then do they back off, labeling the blame on coaching. It's an easy cop out.

Let's not forget the credibility of these same reporters. These people give the impression of being experts on Lawrence High football; yet I haven't seen them at too many games the last 6 years. Sure they make 1 or 2 each season, but does that qualify a person to be an expert? How many practices do they attend? How many direct conferences do they have with the coaching staff? In short, how well do they know the situation?

Simply put Lawrence football has reached a critical stage, probably the lowest point in the school's illustrious history. I'm no expert on what's wrong, but there should be someone in the know. The problem should be attacked with a logical game plan, like those actually used in any football game. And the digging should start immediately, like next week.

It's easy to say dump the coach and get a new one, but will that solve the problem? Let's hope a committee is set up to study

matters, a committee that will be active and not just a name committee to tell people what they want to hear. For openers Vince Keough and his entire staff should be on the committee since they have been the closest to L.H.S. football over the past 3 years. Ralph Wolfendale, Lawrence High Athletic Director, should serve as chairman. Maybe a few interested school committee members would help out. And perhaps we could add some parents from the Booster Club. Maybe it wouldn't be a bad idea to let some reporters on this committee, if it's formed. But the worst thing would be a board set up to whitewash the situation. That's not what is needed.

If you remember a few years back an Advisory Sports Council and Advisory Sports Board were both set up to improve the Lawrence athletic picture. I wonder where they've been the last two years. This is just another example of how committees can be formed without performing any function. Let's hope this isn't the case with any new study, for a vibrant group with a loud voice is needed and it's needed badly.

Now who said what about negativism?

ON THE AIR...Bob Rosmarino's comments about officials in the Merrimack Valley Conference didn't set too well with league officials. Rosie is certainly correct in saying what

he feels, but I question his timing and tact in naming names before a big game. Besides this could have been taken care of prior to the season. If Rosie thought he was a marked man before, I hate to think of what officials will think now when they get Methuen games.

CUE HIM...If every coach was like Joe Golec of the Vo-Tech, it would be a pleasure to deal with them. Golec is very publicity conscious since he's working at a school that doesn't get too much ink. He gives reporters facts and figures. Golec even keeps charts on his football team for the statistical freak.

And speaking of the Vo-Tech Reggies, they should get better next season. Golec has some fine young talent at his disposal.

One of the most exciting prospects is little Rick Cecil, a 4'8" freshman who weighs 80 pounds, but is as shifty as Mack Herron.

Golec will have problems replacing seniors like John Lundquist, Ray Veillieux, Ben Giordano and Nick Carter, but remember the names of Tom Given, Terry Brooks, Dave Rochefort and Tom Roberts. They'll be the stars of the future for the Reggies.

SIGN OFF...Well, basketball season is upon us and I wonder if the L.H.S. cagers will be shooting at glass backboards this year. Oh I forgot. I'm letting my negativism take over again.

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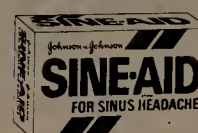
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A bird with a cat's face is keeping an eye on you. Where did it come from? Straight out of the imagination of Andover artist Corey Tevan. That cat-bird is one of a roomful of paintings now on exhibit at the Addison Gallery in Andover.

Tevan's works are colorful, bold and simple, and a little bit mysterious. Bodies float in the air; the animals are out of fairy tales; a man holds a star in his hand. If you ask Tevan what it all means, he will not help you out. "It's a personal thing," he says. "I'd rather not discuss the meaning. The meaning is in the painting, for you to see."

He agrees there is something childlike about the paintings. "My source is the desire to open the world of wonder which we've lost. I've taken one of Einstein's ideas— I've asked only the questions that a child would ask."

Also on exhibit are photographs by Stephen Smith of San Francisco and Roy di Tosti of Newton.

As for Smith, according to Phillips Academy photography teacher Don Snyder, "He is an example of someone who just drifted into photography. He capitalized on everything accidental that happened along the way," Snyder says that Stephen Smith uses a reliable automatic half-frame camera and doesn't worry much about his technique. He prints with a large grain, something that other photographers don't care for nowadays, and the prints have a beautiful quality, says Snyder.

He describes Roy di Tosti's photos as "the serious side of the whole thing." They are mostly bright close-ups of strange and sad people. "Once you get over the photos, if you get over them," says Snyder, "I think you see he's got a lot of feeling for those people."

A number of Winslow Homer paintings, drawings, and lithographs from the Addison Gallery collection are also being shown.

The Addison Gallery is on the Phillips Academy campus in Andover, and is open free to the public from 10 to 5 Monday through Saturday and from 2:30 to 5 on Sunday. These exhibits will continue for about another three weeks.

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Defeat of flood plain zoning Voters now wonder whether they did right

Flood plain zoning, which would restrict development in such a zone and make flood plain insurance available to those in flood-prone areas, has been turned down twice by Andover town meetings.

Since its latest defeat last month, some voters have begun to worry if they have done the right thing.

Ironically, many who voted against the proposed by-law would have benefited from it, according to Mrs. Margaret Keck, Andover planning board chairman.

She said the opposition, led by Atty. John McGarry, who represented several commercial interests — though this was not brought out at the town meeting — "twisted the facts around" and convinced many that they were in a flood zone, when in fact they weren't; that their property would be devalued, when it wouldn't; and that they couldn't get mortgages for their houses, when in fact they might not get it without flood plain zoning.

She says flood plain zoning is intended to protect people from floods or from having to spend money helping out others in town whose property has been damaged by floods.

Since the issue seems destined to resurface, not only in Andover but in other Merrimack Valley towns, Mrs. Keck has prepared the following report for the Journal:

Flood plain zoning is public recognition of the fact that areas near water are hazardous places to build on and that build-up in such areas can increase flood hazards and damages up and downstream.

It has been estimated that 100 acres of land in a flood plain can store 30 million gallons of water for each foot on the rise on the higher land which floods them. When the land gets filled, roofed over, or blacktopped, this water must go elsewhere, and downstream flooding results.

Fortunately for Andover, the upstream communities of Bedford and Billerica on the Shawsheen River already have flood plain zoning; Tewksbury is considering it. In Andover itself, however, unregulated building on what remains of the flood plain could increase flood hazards, particularly in such low-lying areas as River Street in Ballardvale and Shawsheen Village.

For many years there has been a national emphasis on controlling the rivers, rather than regulating man's encroachment on them, and almost half a billion dollars is being spent annually for dams, levees, dikes, etc. Despite such expenditures, recent flood losses have exceeded a billion dollars annually. As a result, the

thinking of even such staunch dam-builders as the Army Corps of Engineers is changing.

A 1972 Corps of Engineers report for the Merrimack, Spicket and Shawsheen Rivers in Greater Lawrence says flood damages would be extensive and could get worse if further development of flood plains isn't restricted.

The report finds that the construction of dams upstream on the Merrimack has appreciably reduced but not eliminated possible flooding along these rivers. It also points out that there are other parts of the rivers where flood levels would be higher than during the flood of March 1936.

Contrary to a statement made at Andover town meeting that these rivers had not flooded in 325 years, the Corps' report relates a history of flooding extending back to 1740 with detailed records for the more recent floods.

The corps mapped those lands that could be flooded and the levels to which water would rise, under conditions having a one

percent probability of occurrence. Such a flood is called a 100 year or Intermediate Regional Flood. The corps says larger floods are possible, but the federal guidelines for land use controls as part of the National Flood Insurance program make the 100 year flood the standard to which participating communities must adhere in determining flood potential. The Andover planning board used the Corps' findings to establish the town's flood plain.

A recent letter to the editor of the Andover Townsman suggested that a 15 to 20 percent probability would be more reasonable than one percent. This would mean that the owner of a \$40,000 to \$50,000 home or a \$1 million factory in the flood plain could expect to get flooded every five or six years, a situation that even liberal Uncle Sam is not likely to underwrite.

The unavailability of flood insurance to residential property owners and small businesses plus

the mounting costs to taxpayers of disaster aid to flood victims prompted Congress to pass the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968. It offers a 90 percent subsidy on flood insurance purchased through private insurance companies to property owners in participating communities.

A community designated as "flood-prone", like Andover, must agree to regulate construction in flood plains. Andover's proposed by-law follows the guidelines for acceptable land use measures. The act denies disaster aid to flood victims who could have purchased flood insurance but failed to; HUD also denies FHA mortgages for property in the flood plain without flood insurance.

Pending legislation would at least double the amount of insurance which could be bought, retain the land use requirements.

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of the units have been distributed
by about 40 retail companies,
including Sears Roebuck and Co.,
mostly in the Midwest. The units
contain an electric heater and run
on 220-volt house current. The
faulty units bear the model
number 43 on a foil sticker on the
rear of the heater. The
Commission said units were
manufactured between July and
October of this year.Salvatore T. Torrisi of
Methuen has been named
controller of the New
Hampshire-Vermont Blue Cross
and Shield.Leonard C. Gardner of
Andover has been named
marketing manager for Vacuum
Barrier Corp. of Woburn.A symposium on modular
housing will be held Dec. 3
(Monday) starting at 9:30 a.m. at
the New England Center for
Continuing Education,
University of New Hampshire,Durham. The theme is "Are
Modulars the Answer to New
England's Growing Housing
Needs?"**Navy offers
new program**The Navy has a new program
which allows recruits to begin
service at higher ranks than the
usual starting grade of seaman
recruit, according to John J. Faro
Jr., local Navy representative.The program is the Direct
Procurement Petty Officer
program for men and women
aged 20 to 32 who have acquired
training or work experience as
civilians in fields such as
carpentry, plumbing, secretarial,
machinist and dental technician.Faro said a navy recruit
normally enlists as an E-1 with a
starting pay of \$307.20 a month.
Those qualified for the new
program can start at salaries from
\$369.90 to \$507.30. The pay
grade depends on the enlistee's
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Reporter's Notebook/Bernadinè Coburn

Making religion a joke

The Andover school committee this week, technically following state mandate, agreed there should be a "moment of meditation" sometime during the school day.

The action took some Andoverites by surprise because, as they told the Journal, they did not realize it was a state law, passed last August 13 by the legislature over the veto of Gov. Sargent.

However, Atty. General Robert Quinn feels the law may be unconstitutional, and has not directed superintendents to implement it. Mrs. Rita Warren, a proponent of the law, has threatened to take the matter to court if Quinn does not direct the state education commissioner to see that schools comply with the law.

There has been no action according to State Rep. James Hurrell of North Andover, by citizens protesting the law to have the courts define its

constitutionality. Hurrell told the Journal that 10 citizens could take the matter to court.

There is no organized local effort as yet to protest the law, but Andover parents who called the Journal said they were looking into what might be possible. The parents did not want to be identified until they find out what can be done.

Objections to such moments of meditation are that they violate the constitution regarding separation of church and state.

Frank E. Griggs, Andover school committee chairman said that it was not a moment of prayer, and he did not see how anyone could object to a minute of silence when "the kids can think about whatever they want to think about."

Objecting parents contend that prayer is implicit in public meditative moments. Agnostic or atheist students are then placed in the position of having to stay during what their classmates

consider prayer time — or they may leave the room.

Parents feel this is too much to ask of a child who depends greatly on peer support, and is an unreasonable expectation for an elementary pupil, who would have to go contrary to what he feels the teacher expects of him.

A counter argument is: "the kids don't pray during this time anyway, so where's the harm?"

Some parents with strong religious beliefs find this equally offensive — a watering down of a meaningful religious practice — prayer. "It makes a cliché of prayer and a joke of religion," said one mother.



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Basketball preview

A look at Lawrence and Methuen

By AL ZAPPALA

Lawrence High School basketball fans are banking on dazzling Dan Cargill to fire the Lancers to another successful season while Methuen High's hopes rest heavily on team balance and experience.

Here is a closer look at the two quintets.

Lawrence High

"Our schedule, lack of height, and inexperience are the main factors in determining what kind of a season we're going to have," says John Kelleher, LHS' 30-year-old coach. "We have a lot of question marks but they're good question marks."

The team's schedule, according to Kelleher, is going to hurt since its first five games are on the road and include some tough opponents.

Lawrence will play for the last time this year in the Essex County League, and expects rough going from the likes of St. John's Prep, Peabody, Lowell, and Haverhill.

"St. John's and Peabody should be favorites this year. Peabody has 6'8" Bob Tucker at center, St. John's has 6'10" Dave Winey in the middle, and Lowell has four starters over 6'2". Our boys are really going to have to hit the board," Kelleher says.

But Kelleher is showing no signs of the blues. And no wonder. He's got the high-leaping, sharp shooting 6-1 Cargill, who was voted to last year's All-State Sophomore Team and who has become an even more complete player since last year.

In addition, there are 6-3 Dan Richardson, who is steady both on offensive and defense, and 6-2 Jim Trotochaud, who goes at either forward or center.

Vying for the two remaining starting slots are 5-8 Barry Jackson 5-11 Jack Clark, 5-7 Jesus Nova and 6-1 Dave Robinson.

Schedule: Home games at Kane School:

- Dec. 14—open.
- Dec. 18— at Central Catholic.
- Dec. 21— at Concord Carlisle.
- Dec. 26-29— Andover High School jamboree.



Dan Richardson . . . steady

- Jan. 4— at Peabody.
- Jan. 8— Methuen
- Jan. 11— at Lowell.
- Jan. 15— St. John's Prep
- Jan. 18— at Billerica.
- Jan. 22— Haverhill.
- Jan. 25— Central Catholic.
- Jan. 29— Concord Carlisle.
- Feb. 1— at Haverhill.
- Feb. 5— at St. John's Prep.
- Feb. 8— at Methuen.
- Feb. 12— Lowell.
- Feb. 15— Peabody
- Feb. 19— Billerica.
- Feb. 22— open.

Methuen High

"We'll be one of the smallest teams in the Merrimack Valley Conference, but we'll be an experienced club with a fine group of athletes who can shoot."

The optimistic outlook comes from Methuen coach John Rimas.

"We're not a tall club, our tallest man stands 6-3, but we'll be well-balanced," says Rimas, who will try to spark a rebound this season after a 6-12 mark a year ago. "We've lost four boys who helped us last year— John Bogannam, Bill Heuson Tommy Fram and Vito Fararo, but hopefully the boys we have will do the job."

Methuen's team this season will feature a fast moving club that will try to move the ball offensively and contain defensively.

"Jeff Weinhold, a 6-1 forward who hits the boards well, is a fine competitor who we're counting on this year, and Lee Holden, who can play guard as well as forward, is as intelligent a player as you'll find in the area Lee was the club's M.V.P. last season, and we're looking for him to repeat this year."

The others on the starting five will probably be 6-1 forward Pete LeSaffre, a boy Rimas said "came on strong at the end of last season, while we're winning four of the last six games," and Rich Ganen, who, at 6-3, is the tallest man on the squad, and upon whose shoulders Rimas places the bulk of the rebounding responsibility

The last spot will be taken up by 5-10 guard Freddy Sims, who according to Rimas, "is a great team player and always gives you 100 percent." Freddy Eaton also figures in Rimas' plans, a 5-10 jumping jack with excellent speed.

Rimas also mentioned Bruce Blood, Wayne Dangle, Jim O'Loughlin, Jeff Lerner, Bobby Townsend, Jerry Chaney and Robert Dalwet as players who possibly might see some action. How about the league?

"Well, there won't be one dominant team this year as there was last year. It'll be more balanced. Andover is still tough, with good size and a winning tradition. You have to give Will Hixon credit for the job he's done there."

Schedule: Home games at Methuen High:

- Dec. 18— Dracut.
- Dec. 21— Austin.
- Jan. 2— Billerica.
- Jan. 4— at Wilmington.
- Jan. 8— at Lawrence.
- Jan. 11— at Central.
- Jan. 15— at Andover.
- Jan. 18— Tewksbury
- Jan. 22— at Chelmsford.
- Jan. 25— at Dracut.
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- Feb. 8— Lawrence.
- Feb. 12— Central.
- Feb. 15— Andover.
- Feb. 19— at Tewksbury.
- Feb. 22— Chelmsford.

Next week: A look at Salem High and North Andover.

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TV talk/Jenkins

I want to know whether anybody ever really watches candlepin bowling on TV. It must be sort of depressing if that's the only thing you have to do.

Up till last week, whenever I saw William Holden's name, I thought of him in the movie "Picnic," two scenes in particular, one where Rosalind Russell ripped his shirt off, and an earlier scene where he bounced a basketball off some kid's forehead. Now, after watching him in that superb movie series on TV last week, "The Blue Knight," I shall remember him always as Bumper Morgan, one hell of a police officer.

A good way of wasting a half hour on a Friday night is watching Adam's Rib. The plot is so flimsy, it floats away. The one nice thing about the show is the theme song.

The Miss Teenage American pageant will be telecast live from Texas tomorrow (Saturday) at 10 p.m. on Channel 7. What it is, of course, is a curvy cattle show. Recommended for lechers.

There are certain shows I cannot judge because I refuse to watch them. "Lotsa Luck" is one. "The Magician" is another. And I could go on.

Lorne Green just isn't making it as "Griff." For one thing, he's too old for fist-fights and foot-chases. I keep thinking he's going to have a heart attack. I never get that feeling with Mannix, and he's no spring chicken.

I'll tell you something. If Mary Tyler Moore ever comes to Lawrence, I'm going to marry her. If Maude ever comes here, I'll murder her. Even though I love her.

"Rebel Without A Cause" starring James Dean was on TV last weekend. A British friend of mine saw it for the first time and said: "What are those 28-year-old guys doing going to high school?"

I predict that the Chinese cowboy program, "Kung Fu," is going to be around for a long time. I join those watchers who are enthralled with the mystical movements of the hero as he makes mincemeat of the bad guys.

Everytime I see Robert Taylor on TV, I get sick. I know what he died from. And I still smoke.

Everytime I hear of someone dying of cancer, I ask whether it was cancer of the lung. If the answer is yes, I ask if the victim smoked. If the answer is yes, I throw up.

How come I don't think Archie Bunker is so funny anymore?

If I could be 16 again and return to high school, I'd pick Room 222. Wouldn't you?

Marcus Welby is becoming a sex symbol for middle-aged women.

Last Sunday morning I watched cartoons—Porky Pig, Bugs Bunny, Adventures of Gulliver, Huck Finn, and Mr. Magoo. Than I went out and shot myself.

This Saturday's 11 p.m. movie on Channel 38 will be "Meet John Doe" starring Gary Cooper, Barbara Stanwyck, and Edward Arnold, and is about a girl reporter who creates a story of a John Doe who will commit

suicide on Christmast Eve as a protest to the state of world conditions. It was made in 1941. As a preview for 1973.

Do you ever read Percy Shain's TV column in the Boston Globe? Don't bother.

When you see my name in the Journal's directory (page 10), you'll know I'm permanent. Big deal. I don't care if it's there or not.

They frequently tease the Bell Ringer on Page 2, but they don't tease me. His column is always on Page 11. I never know where the hell mine is going to be. At least they have the common courtesy to put me in the index. And for a time I didn't even think I was even going to get that. I've had plenty of job offers elsewhere and I'm considering a couple.

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